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 FOR: PUNCTUM PLUG HAVING A COLLAPSIBLE
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 3738

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 Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D. C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated October 6, 1999, was received in the
 above identified Application which set a time for response of
 three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response
 be filed on or before January 6, 1999. Under 35 U.S.C. Section
 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

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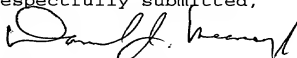
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from January 6, 1999 to April 6, 1999. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$435.00. A check for \$435.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to April 6, 1999, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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